



## Kerry Convention Bureau Sample Golf Itinerary

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Morning arrival. Lunch in Hotel	<b>Dooks GC</b>	Welcome Buffet in hotel
2	<b>Tralee GC</b>	At Leisure	Dinner & Greyhound Racing, Tralee
3	<b>Ballybunion, Old Course</b>	<b>Ballybunion, Cashen Course</b>	Dine-around, Killarney
4	<b>Killarney Golf &amp; Fishing Club, Killeen Course</b>	Optional Activities	Muckross Traditional Farms – Dinner & Entertainment
5	<b>Waterville GC</b>	Return drive around South Ring of Kerry	Gala Dinner in hotel & Entertainment

### **Day 1: Arrival in Ireland – Dooks GC**

On arrival into your hotel in Kerry this morning there will be time to freshen up and relax before your Welcome Lunch.

This afternoon we will take you to play Dooks Golf Course.

Since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Dooks GC has been set out and played on one of the sand dunes on Dingle Bay, looking out over the stunning sand dunes of Rossbeigh and Inch, and across at Cromane fishing village. It is a serenely beautiful and calming course where hole number 13 will bring you back to a bygone age when golf was born, and greens were laid where nature intended them. There is something very endearing about this course.

This evening there will be a Welcome Buffet Dinner in your hotel

### **Day 2: Tralee GC & Greyhound Racing**

After a full breakfast in your hotel this morning we will play the first golf course in Ireland designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer. The location of Tralee Golf Course is great as it combines a solid links layout with a lovely, scenic backdrop.

\*This afternoon will be at your leisure to relax or to participate in 1 of the Optional Activities & Tours on offer.

Our evening event will take us to Tralee for a casual evening at The Greyhound Racing Track. Enjoy an evening of fine food and wine, as you take in the full view of the racing track. In order to bet on the individual races you have the choice of either betting from the comfort of your dining table, or you can join in the exciting and entertaining atmosphere of placing your bets on the main floor.

Having been in existence for longer than any other breed of dog Greyhounds have been prized for their speed, grace, agility, hunting prowess and as loyal pets and companions. They are the only breed mentioned in the Bible, they appear in early cave drawings, adorn the tombs of Pharaohs, and have been racing in Ireland since the first racing meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1927 to a crowd of over 8,000 people.

Return bus transfer to hotel for overnight.

### **Day 3: Ballybunion GC – Old Course & Cashen Course**

Leaving your hotel this morning after a full breakfast our destination today is Ballybunion, where you will need your energy to play the 2 courses here, the Old Course and the Cashen Course. A running buffet lunch will be provided in The Club House at Ballybunion for you to discuss your first game of golf at this fabulous location.

Ballybunion is located on the estuary of the mighty River Shannon. Both courses here offer the golfer the experience of a true links course on the coast, with nearly no trees and looking as if the course was laid out by nature.

The Old Course is a fair course with lovely uphill and downhill and side-hill shots, but it will challenge any golfer with the appearance of lots of blind shots, and the long grass covering sand dunes throughout the course. For good play and good shots this course will reward the golfer, however it is a course that will equally test your patience.

The Cashen Course offers no weak holes, and here you will play 18 great holes, each offering its own unique character and challenge. Naturally this is a bold and varied course with the ocean on one side of you and the river on the other. There is a rising and falling free flowing rhythm to this course that is beautiful.

\*\*Returning to your hotel there will be time to relax and freshen up before heading out for a dine-around in Killarney

#### **Day 4: Killarney Golf & Fishing Club – Killeen Course**

Located not far from Killarney town the flagship of the three courses offered at this club is The Killeen Course and is rated as one of the best courses in the country. Playing host to the Carroll's Irish Open in 1991 and again in 1992 it was a merciless test even for the Pro's with only three of the players finishing under par for the tournament in 1991. With water on nearly every hole and a length of 6474 metres this course will challenge the longest hitters and will require accuracy to stay out of the water.

\*This afternoon will be at your leisure to relax or to participate in 1 of the Optional Activities & Tours on offer.

This evening will be spent at The Muckross Traditional Farms where you will enjoy spectacular views across the Lakes & Mountains of Killarney while soaking in the ambient location of an old traditional farmhouse as you feast on a great dinner.

Muckross Traditional Farms offers the visitor the experience of traditional and rural life in Ireland of the 1930's and 1940's before the widespread arrival of electricity. There are a collection of buildings at Muckross Farm that have been carefully and sensitively renovated and reconstructed, ranging from the Labourer's Cottage, the Carpenter's Workshop, the Blacksmith's Forge, and the Farmer's House.

After dinner there will be Irish singing and dancing. If you'd like a go, you're welcome to join them on stage for a go.  
Return bus transfer to hotel

#### **Day 5: Waterville GC**

On your final day of golf you will play Waterville Golf Course. Dating from the 1880's this is course that John Mulcahy from New York bought in the late 1960's and together with Ireland's foremost links architect Eddie Hackett, they had the vision of creating the most challenging golf links in the world. Originally there were just 9 holes to this course, but these were reconfigured and now contrast with the back 9 holes which are more rugged and exposed. In the words of the late Henry Cotton, "Waterville has to be one of the greatest golf courses ever built. If it were located in Britain, it would undoubtedly be a venue for the British Open. I have never seen a more consistent succession of really strong and beautiful golf holes than here".

After lunch we will drive the beautiful and scenic south road of the Ring of Kerry taking you through the pretty villages of Caherdaniel and Sneem. Coming back through the mountains there will be a stop at Ladies View for you to take in the beauty of the Black Valley.

This evening there will be a Gala Dinner at your hotel.

## Day 6: Departure

Early breakfasts will be made available to those departing early, and for those departing later, the day is at your leisure.

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### \*Optional Activities & Tours

#### **Muckross House & Gardens** 2 hours

Situated on the shores of the Lakes of Killarney Muckross House is a focal point in Killarney National Park. Completed in 1843 and designed by the well known Scottish architect William Burn, a tour of Muckross House will give you a deeper understanding of the history of the English landed gentry class in Ireland. Complete with a fabulous collection of Decorative Arts and Portraiture, this is a superb tour for anyone interested in history and art.

#### **Torc Mountain** 2 - 4 hour hike – medium difficulty

Climbing up past the beautiful Torc Waterfall there are lovely views of the Lakes of Killarney to be paused at and enjoyed. As the trail leads you around the back of Torc Mountain and into a valley you will take the Old Kenmare Road. The walk up the mountain itself rises on a fairly gentle incline and should take you approximately 1 hour. The views on the way up and from the top are worth the effort, giving you panoramic views across the Lakes, Mountains, Park and Town of Killarney.

<b>Cycling in Killarney National Park</b>	at your own leisure
<b>Fishing</b>	Equipment, Boat & Ghillie included
<b>Horse Riding</b>	Guide and Helmets included
<b>Spa Treatments</b>	treatments on request
<b>Killarney G&amp;FC – Mahoney's Point</b>	18 hole Golf Course.

### \*\*Restaurant Dinearound Options – Killarney

**Peppers Seafood & Steak Grill** – This is located in The Malton, and looks out over their lovely gardens. It's a beautiful room and the walls are adorned with original pieces of Irish art while the food is a grill, specializing in steak and seafood. There are lots of other dishes on the menu, but the quality of the meat - fabulous!

**Cellar One Restaurant** - The innovative design of this restaurant with its stainless steel and glass curving staircase, reflecting warm lights and the vaulted ceiling create a dramatic setting for a chic yet fuss free dining venue. Inspired by fresh local produce, the menu is simple and familiar. While the menu changes by the season, some staple signature dishes include Charcuterie Plates,

local cured meats, Coolea cheese, homemade chutney and brown soda bread, pan-fried Dover Sole with crispy shrimps and lemon segments, nut brown bread, dry aged Kerry Rib eye with chunky fries.

**Bricin** – Located upstairs from street level this restaurant offers several smaller rooms and a space that winds around the building giving it a homelike feel. The food is extremely tasty, and might be well described as 'good home cooking'. The service is very pleasant and the owners are always walking around greeting people and chatting. This is a lovely restaurant experience giving visitors the feeling that they could only be in Ireland.

**Lord Kenmares** – This menu is a true chef's menu, and will be well regarded by any foodies. This cosy first floor restaurant has elegant black furniture, polished floors, bare tables and blinds a lot of hard surfaces all add up to a good bit of noise, but nobody seems to mind. Good food, together with great service and value ensure that this cheerful place is always packed even on weekdays.

**Mentons** – Located at The Plaza Hotel this is a nice restaurant with good friendly service. Gary Fitzgerald's first-floor restaurant in bustling downtown Killarney is a bright contemporary space on two levels and several areas, with classy modern table settings and quite a luxurious atmosphere - aided by welcoming staff.

**The Laurels** - The Laurels is a traditional Irish pub setting enjoying a reputation for good food. Here you can expect to find traditional fare prepared with flair. Bantry Bay mussels come in a tureen of white wine, garlic and fresh cream with home-made soda bread; Irish stew with crusty home-baked rolls; and traditional potato-cakes filled with chicken and smoked bacon on a mushroom sauce. This is a great place to strike up conversation.